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601 In their kinship system the Bakairi distinguished parallel
605 cousins (paigo and koro or iri and lia, for men or women,
respectively for male or female Ego) from cross cousins (pama
and imiapi or eisambi and ierudu, for men and women,
respectively for male or female Ego). The former were
601 identified with brothers and sisters, respectively. The term
604 referring to the father, chogo, was extended to the father's
brother, and the term referring to the mother, seko, was ex-
tended to the mother's sister. On the other hand, the mother's
brother, kogo, and the father's sister, iupuri, got special
601 designations. There were special terms for male or female
Ego, in Ego's generation (as we have already seen), and in the
first descending generation. Thus the children of male Ego
and those of Ego's brother were called imeri, without distinc-
tion of sex, while the children of Ego's sister were called tekau
and uasi, respectively for the boy and girl. For female Ego,
her children, as well as the children of Ego's sister, were
called imeri, while Ego's brother's children were uadoin and
uasi, respectively for boy and girl. In the second ascending
• [603] generation, the grandparents were distinguished according to
sex, being called tako and nigo, respectively, for man and
woman. In the second descending generation a single term,
iveri, designated all individuals.

582 Marriage between cross cousins was common but not
606 preferential. According to the data we obtained, there do not
591 seem to have been among the Bakairi any special rules concern-
ing residence or taboos referring to the father-in-law or mother-
in-law, or moieties or clans. Marriage was usually monogamous,
595 although polygamous unions were allowed. Judging by the
Xinguano tribes, it is probable that such polygamous unions
assumed the form of a sororate.

784 /263/ The life cycle of the Bakairi was characterized by
a series of seclusions, or uanki ("confinement"), during which
individuals were protected against the numerous supernatural
 dangers that surrounded them.